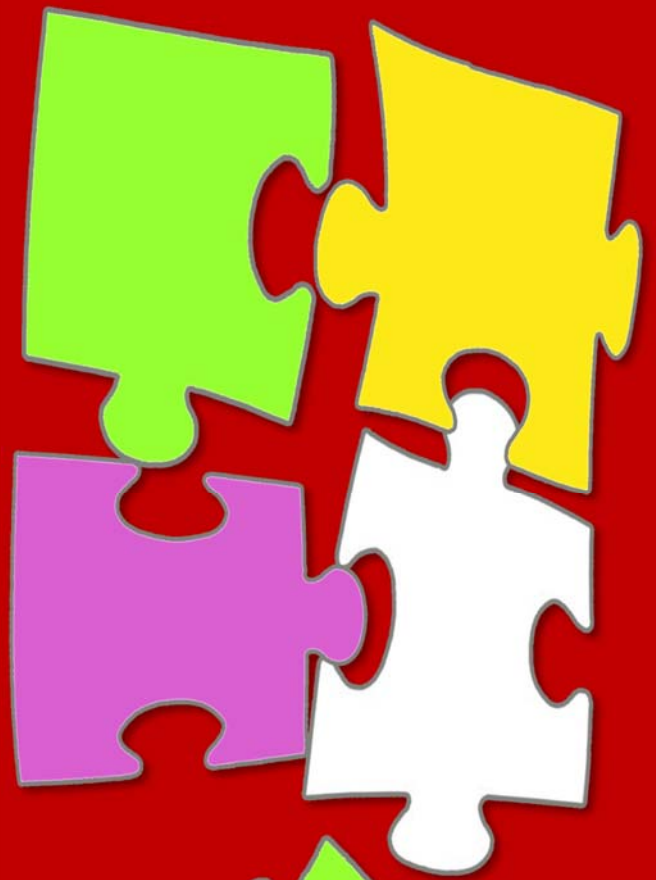


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How To Use This Curriculum

About this Curriculum

Hebrews 6:1-3 says: So let us stop going over the basic teachings about Christ again and again. Let us go on instead and become mature in our understanding. Surely we don't need to start again with the fundamental importance of repenting from [dead works] and placing our faith in God. You don't need further instruction about baptisms, the laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment. And so, God willing, we will move forward to further understanding (NLT).

Salvation is the starting point of a lifelong journey of living for God. Saved children, like all adult believers, need to grow in living for God. Part of the growth process is to be grounded in the basic teachings about Christ, and these are: repenting from [dead works], placing their faith in God, instruction about baptisms, laying on of hands, resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment.

Grow In Living For God Curriculum is designed to teach children these basic teachings about Christ and encourage them towards personal application of the teachings in their lives. Through this exciting Bible-based curriculum, with the help of the Holy Spirit, children will be grounded in their salvation and God's Word, and grow in living for God.

Teaching the Lessons

Grow In Living For God curriculum is divided into 6 sections based on the basic teachings about Christ in Hebrews 6:2 with an introductory lesson on growing in living for God. Section 1 has 3 lessons on repenting from dead works, section 2 teaches the importance of placing their faith in God in 8 lessons, section 3 with 4 lessons instructs on the 3 main types of baptism, section 4 contains 5 lessons on the laying on of hands, section 5 examines the different types of resurrection of the dead, and section 6 comprises a lesson each on eternal judgement and rewards.

Based on over 30 years of experience in teaching children, I have discovered that it is more effective to teach a lesson twice and by the same teacher. The teacher can review the lesson with the children and follow-up appropriately based on their responses. Also, the message of the lesson is strengthened in the hearts and minds of the children.

Lesson Outline: A suggested order for using the curriculum to teach the class is:

- Review the previous lesson;
- Introduce the lesson to engage the children;
- Teach the Bible story and life application interactively;
- Make an altar call when applicable;
- Use the discussion to personalize the message;
- Pray with the children;
- Get the children to learn and recite the memory verse incorporating actions; and
- Have the children do activities to reinforce the lesson.

Bible Text: Regardless of the age group being taught, you must read the Bible text in preparation. For this curriculum to be an effective tool in transforming the lives of children, there is the need for you as the teacher to study the Bible text with the help of the Holy Spirit. As you do this, trust that God will grant you an understanding of the Bible passage and make the Word come alive on the inside of you to minister to the children.

Memory Verse: Different Bible versions are used for clarity to ensure the children understand the Scripture. Be sure to teach the memory verse word-perfect to the children. Where necessary, explanations have been provided for the memory verses. It is helpful to incorporate actions or even turn it into a song with a catchy tune as you recite the memory verse with the children. Repetition is key to helping them retain the memory verse.

Go to www.setapartchild.com to read my article on Teaching Children Memory Verses.

Truth of God's Word: The truth of God's Word sums up what you are teaching the children to believe and act upon from God's Word about the lesson. The memory verse, Bible story, life application and discussion build upon the truth of God's Word.

Introduction: Start the lesson by getting the children to discuss the introduction. This helps to engage the children. Round up this session by linking their discussion to what you are teaching them on the lesson.

Bible Story: The Bible story is taken from the *Easy To Read Version* Bible and modified to allow for smooth comprehension. In teaching the children the Bible story, make it as interactive as possible. For example: "When God sent an angel to tell Joseph that Mary would give birth to the Son of God, what do you think Joseph said or did?" If possible, try to get them to do some role playing of the Bible characters as well. Incorporate as many variety of interactive activities as possible to interest them without distracting from the message you are teaching.

Life Application: This is the personal application of God's Word to the children to encourage them to act on what they have learned. As much as possible, personalize the teaching to the children in your class. Encourage participation in form of questions and comments from the children.

Discussion: This serves to involve the children to find out and enhance their understanding of the lesson. In addition, it aids the children process aloud their personalization of the Bible lesson. Discussion points are given. Sometimes, the discussion for the junior and senior age groups are different based on their comprehension levels. Where appropriate, use the children's activity books to guide the discussion.

Notes: Space for taking notes during your preparation is provided for each lesson. Sometimes, notes are added to help you teach the lesson more effectively.

Children's Activities

There are two types of activities for the children:

The first activity type is the activity books. The Grow In Living For God activity books are available in both electronic and hardcopy forms. The digital PDF format can be downloaded from www.setapartchild.com; while the print and eBook formats are available on Amazon.com and other retail outlets.

The second type of activity is ideas for craft on the lessons. These are available on www.setapartchild.com.

Activity Books

The basis of the Grow In Living For God activity books provided for this exciting Bible-based curriculum (which has two activities per lesson) is to increase the child's understanding of the Bible lessons and memory verses. If a child is finding a lesson activity too easy or too difficult, consider modifying the activity appropriately or allowing the child to use a different activity book instead.

Grow In Living For God Junior Activity Book contains 52 pages of stimulating and enjoyable puzzles to solve including pictures for colouring for younger children. It is filled with exciting activities, such as: decoding activities, word scrambles, mazes, puzzles, cross outs and many more...

Grow In Living For God Senior Activity Book comprises challenging and lively puzzles to decode with pictures that may be coloured for older children. It is 52 pages of interesting activities, including: complex mazes, fill-ins, text conversions, tough puzzles, Scripture searches and many more...

Solutions to the activities are on www.setapartchild.com.

Lesson 1—Basic Teachings

Bible Text

Luke 8:4-8, 11-15 [Hebrews 6:1-3]

Memory Verse

Be like newborn babies who are thirsty for the pure spiritual milk that will help you grow—1Peter 2:2 (CEV).

Truth of God's Word

Know and obey the basic teachings about Christ to grow in living for God.

Introduction

Get the children to discuss about what makes a baby grow into a strong person.

NOTES

Bible Story

A large crowd came together. People came to Jesus from every town, and He told them this story:

“A farmer went out to sow seed. While he was scattering the seed, some of it fell beside the road. People walked on the seed, and the birds ate it all. Other seed fell on rock. It began to grow but then died because it had no water. Some other seed fell among thorny weeds. This seed grew, but later the weeds stopped the plants from growing. The rest of the seed fell on good ground. This seed grew and made 100 times more grain.”

Jesus finished the story. Then He called out, “You people who hear Me, listen!”

Later, Jesus explained the story about the seed:

“This is what the story means: The seed is God’s teachings. Some people are like the seed that fell beside the path. They hear God’s teachings, but then the devil comes and causes them to stop thinking about it. This keeps them from believing it and being saved.

Others are like the seed that fell on rock. That is like the people who hear God’s teachings and gladly accept it. But they don’t have deep roots. They believe for a while. But when trouble comes, they turn away from God.

“What about the seed that fell among the thorny weeds? That is like the people who hear God’s teachings, but they let the worries, riches, and pleasures of this life stop them from growing. So they never produce a crop, that means to do the good things God wants His people to do.

“And what about the seed that fell on the good ground? That is like the people who hear God’s teachings with a good, honest heart. They obey it and patiently produce a good crop, that is, do the good things God wants His people to do.”

Life Application

Based on Jesus’ story, the seed that fell on the good ground is the type of believer God wants you to be. For you to be a believer who hears God’s teachings with a good, honest heart and obeys it, so that you can grow in living for God by doing the good things God wants you to do.

God’s Word says: Be like newborn babies who are thirsty for the pure spiritual milk that will help you grow—1Peter 2:2 (CEV). After you believe in Jesus to be saved, you become born-again, that is, a baby believer. As a newborn baby needs milk to live and grow, you need the spiritual milk which is the Word of God to live and grow in living for God. In other words, you should know and obey God’s Word especially the basic teachings about Christ to grow in living for God.

Hebrews 6:1-3 says: So let us stop going over the basic teachings about Christ again and again. Let us go on instead and become mature in our understanding. Surely we don’t need to start again with the fundamental importance of repenting from [dead works] and placing our faith in God. You don’t need further instruction about baptisms, the laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment. And so, God willing, we will move forward to further understanding (NLT).

The basic teachings about Christ that every believer is expected to know and obey to grow in living for God are teachings on:

- REPENTING FROM [DEAD WORKS],
- PLACING YOUR FAITH IN GOD,
- INSTRUCTION ABOUT BAPTISMS,
- LAYING ON OF HANDS,
- RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD, AND
- ETERNAL JUDGMENT.

Being a believer, it is necessary for you to know these basic teachings about Christ. However, for these teachings to help you grow in living for God, you must put them into practice in your life, that is, obey them.

Knowing and obeying these basic teachings about Christ will do the following for you:

- You will be very sure that you are saved.
- You will also be sure about God's Word.
- You will grow in living for God daily.

So know and obey the basic teachings about Christ to grow in living for God. Therefore, ask the Holy Spirit to help you.

Discussion

Encourage the class to share about anything they know on repenting from [dead works], placing their faith in God, instruction about baptisms, laying on of hands, resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment.

Curriculums

BELIEVE IN JESUS Curriculum

Preschool Teacher's Manual

Preschool Activity Book

Teacher's Manual

Junior Activity Book

Senior Activity Book

LIVING FOR GOD Curriculum

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GROW IN LIVING FOR GOD Curriculum

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Senior Activity Book

BIBLE STUDY ON JOSEPH (For Older Children & Youth)

Leader's Guide

Student Workbook

These curriculums are available in digital and print versions.

For print and eBook copies: Amazon.com and other retail outlets.

For digital PDF download: www.setapartchild.com.

About The Author



Bisi Adeyi is more than anything else a Christian who loves the Lord.

She has a calling to minister to children and children's ministry teachers which God blesses and equips her for. Her children's ministry experience which started in 1985 includes teaching children of all age-groups, organizing summer camps and Bible clubs, speaking at children's conferences and programs, coordinating children's ministry department in churches, and training children's ministry teachers.

She writes exciting Bible-based curriculums & resources to teach children to know and live for God daily. The resources include Bible studies, devotionals, tracts, newsletters and articles. Empowered by the Holy Spirit's revelation to her on John 17:17, she ministers to children to be set apart by the truth of God's Word to live for Him. By the grace of God, her heart's desire through her writings is to birth and nurture the *set apart child*.

In addition to writing and children's ministry, Bisi enjoys reading, making memories with her family, batch cooking, hosting people in her home, sewing and personal events planning. She is married to her best friend and together they have two young adult children.

For more information about her and what she believes, please go on her website at www.setapartchild.com.

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- **TEACHER'S MANUAL**

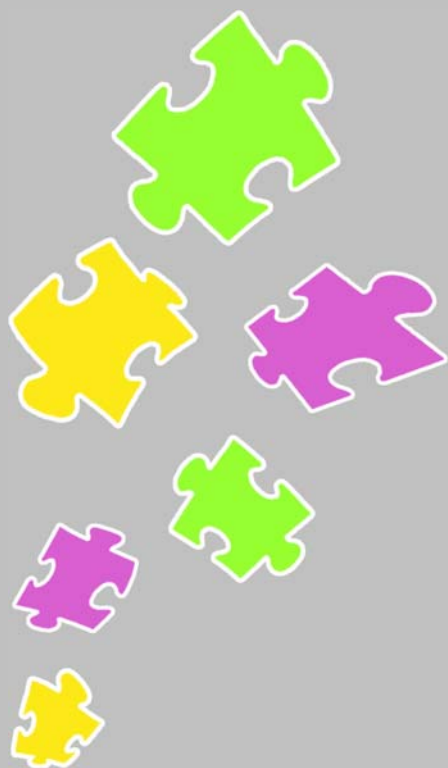
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- **SENIOR ACTIVITY BOOK**

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